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Our Case No.: **10210/8**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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Keisuke SHIMADA  
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Examiner: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit No.: To Be Assigned

Serial No.: 10/659,419

Filing Date: September 10, 2003

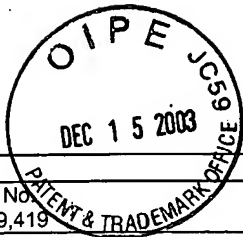
For: ROTARY CUTTING APPARATUS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Before the examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendment:



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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER  |                                   |                            | Case No. 10210/8                 |
| Serial No.<br>10/659,419  | Filing Date<br>September 10, 2003 | Examiner<br>To Be Assigned | Group Art Unit<br>To Be Assigned |
| Inventor(s)<br>Toshio MIKIYA, Keisuke SHIMADA, Takashi CHIBA, Munenori YAMAGUCHI, Kenji OHTSUKA |                                   |                            |                                  |
| Title of Invention<br>ROTARY CUTTING APPARATUS  |                                   |                            |                                  |

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is 4 Pages of Preliminary Amendment and return postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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| Small Entity       |              | or | Other Than<br>Small Entity |              |
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| x 43=              |              |    | x \$86=                    |              |
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- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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